

# West Kesteven Rural District Council



## Annual Report

of the

Health of the West Kesteven Rural District

by the

Medical Officer of Health

C. W. Shearer, M.B., Ch.B., M.F.C.M., D.P.H.

To which is Appended the Report of the

Chief Public Health Inspector

M. F. Johnson, M.A.P.H.I.

1973



WEST KESTEVEN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

(Reconstituted under the Parts of Kesteven (Alterations of Districts and  
Parishes) Order 1930)

List of Parishes:

Allington  
Ancaster  
Barkston  
Barrowby  
Belton and Manthorpe  
Bitchfield and Bassingthorpe  
Boothby Pagnell  
Braceby and Sapperton  
Burton Coggles  
Carlton Scroop  
Claypole  
Caythorpe  
Colsterworth  
Denton  
Easton  
Fenton  
Foston  
Fulbeck  
Great Gonerby  
Great Ponton  
Gunby and Stainby  
Harlaxton  
Heydour  
Honington  
Hough on the Hill  
Ingoldsby  
Lenton, Keisby and Osgodby  
Little Ponton and Stroxtun  
Londonthorpe and Harrowby Without  
Long Bennington  
Marston  
Normanton  
North Witham  
Old Somerby  
Pickworth  
Ropsley and Humby  
Sedgebrook  
Skillington  
South Witham  
Stoke Rochford  
Stubton  
Syston  
Welby  
Westborough and Dry Doddington  
Woolsthorpe  
Wyville-cum-Hungerton

WEST KESTEVEN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Committee 1973

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Councillor N. B. WESTON

Councillor R. WHATTON

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Housing Committee 1973

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Chief Public Health Inspector  
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Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector  
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Clerks  
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Public Health Department,  
Council Offices,  
Sandon Close,  
Grantham.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health Vital Statistics and Sanitary Conditions of the West Kesteven Rural District for the year 1973.

This report is necessarily incomplete as the vital statistics which were usually included were not available at the time of writing.

There were only 3 infant deaths, 2 being due to prematurity and malformation. This information was obtained from the County Health Department.

No action was taken in 1973 under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948. The powers of compulsory removal provided for in this Section, are of course used only as a last resort.

The following comments are included by direction of the Department of Health and Social Security.

Water Supply This is administered by the Kesteven Water Board.

- a) Generally speaking the supply was adequate in quality and quantity.
- b) During the year 194 samples of raw water and 167 samples of treated water were taken by the Water Board Officials. 76 of the samples of raw water were unsatisfactory and 27 of the samples of treated water were unsatisfactory.
- c) No action was taken in respect of contamination.
- d) The results of chemical analyses are shown on page 7.
- e) This natural fluoride of the content of the water is very low the last estimate being 0.05 parts per million. During the year the water supplied to that part of the Rural District, North of Poston was artificially fluoridated to a level of one part per million.

Sewerage Details are given on pages 12 and 13.

Common Lodging Houses There are none in the district.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all Members of the Council and in particular the Health Committee, the Clerk and other Chief Officers, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lucas and all the staff of the Health Department for their unfailing courtesy and help throughout the year.

I am, Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C. W. SHEARER

Medical Officer of Health.

# NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES DURING 1973

AGE	MEASLES		INFECTIVE HEPATITIS		MENINGITIS		WHOOPIING COUGH	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
1 - 2	8	5	-	-	-	-	-	1
3 - 4	11	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	18	17	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 & o.	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	50	47	3	-	-	1	-	1

Also one case of Food poisoning was notified.

## TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES AND DEATHS IN 1973

AGE	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 - 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 - 35	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
36 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

## INFANT DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 1 day	1 - 7 days	1 - 4 wks	Total Under 4 wks	1 - 3 months	3 - 12 months	Total Under 1 year
Premature Birth	1	-	-	1	-	-	1
Malformation	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Birth Injuries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia & Bronchitis	-	1	-	1	-	-	1
Enteritis & Diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Causes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	1	-	2	-	1	3



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5th January, 1973

Report of Analysis of Water

Received 18th December, 1972 from Kesteven Water Board.

Mark Aswarby (Grantham Supply) plus Salvesons, Easton.

This water contains per million parts :

Total Solids dried 180°C	542
Suspended Matter	Absent
Chlorides as Chlorine	42.6
Nitrate Nitrogen	5.6
Nitrite Nitrogen	0.001
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	0.040
Albuminoid Nitrogen	0.060
Carbonate Hardness	215
Non-Carbonate Hardness	157
Excess Alkalinity as Sodium Carbonate	-
Oxygen absorbed from	
N/80 KMnO <sub>4</sub> in 4 hrs. @ 27°C	0.22
pH Value	7.2
Odour and Taste	Normal
Colour - Hazen Units	less than 5
Heavy Metals	Not detected
Free Chlorine	Absent

No. of colonies developing per ml.  
on agar 21°C in 72 hrs.

No. of colonies developing per ml.  
on agar 37°C. in 24 hrs.

No. of colonies developing per ml.  
on agar 37°C. in 48 hrs.

Coli - aerogenes count per 100 mls.  
at 37°C. in 48 hrs.

Faecal coli count per 100 mls.  
at 44°C. in 48 hrs.

Bacillus Coli (Presumptive)

Observations :

At the time of sampling this water was of suitable chemical quality for human consumption, domestic use and dairy purposes.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR 1973

Public Health Department,  
Council Offices,  
Sandon Close,  
Grantham,  
Lincs.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
West Kesteven Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for 1973.

This is the last report of the Health on the West Kesteven Rural District Council and after 43 years it will cease to exist becoming part of the new South Kesteven District Council as from 1st April, 1974. As one would anticipate there was an atmosphere of stalemate and uncertainty throughout the year and a wondering what was to happen with the formation of the new authority.

The introduction of a plastic bag refuse collection in the district was well received by the public and has proved very popular. For many years I have advocated this type of system and it was with some sense of achievement that I saw the first plastic bags being delivered to the houses in the district. Unfortunately the present cost of plastic bags makes it expensive and there must be some doubt as to whether it is economical to carry on with this method of storage and collection.

The Witham Valley Sewerage Scheme was practically completed during the year, the biggest scheme carried out in the rural district with 6 villages being brought onto a water carriage system and being taken to the new Sewage Works at Harston. It is unfortunate that the whole of the district will not be sewered before the take-over or amalgamation it would have been quite an achievement to have seen every village with a foul water sewerage scheme.

For the last 19 years I have shared an office with Mr. Jack Lucas, as District Inspectors and as Chief and Deputy and during that time we have never had a wrong word. The department has never been over staffed and without this close co-operation it would have been impossible to have carried out the work load.

To Dr. Shearer, the Chief Officers, the Staff and Workmen of the Council, I would express my appreciation for all their help, advice and kindness over the 23 years I have been with this Authority.

I am, Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient  
Servant,

M. F. JOHNSON

Chief Public Health Inspector.



## H O U S I N G

During the year work continued on the 23 bungalows at Great Gonerby, the only new building work being undertaken by the Council. The conversions and Improvements to the pre-war houses at Great Gonerby continued in spite of a general shortage of labour and materials in the area. These houses are being improved for the second time and no doubt at some future date when the standard of housing takes on a more modern look they will be improved again. The last time they were improved by Ministry command, and the old pail closets were done away with and the more modern W.C. installed, but unfortunately not in the house but in existing outbuildings. This was the national policy at the time and the Council had to do as it was told, but if someone had been more forward looking some expense could have been saved at the present time.

The applications for Improvement and Standard Grants continued to roll in and again the emphasis has changed from the simple installation of bathroom etc. to the more sophisticated idea of larger kitchens, working tops and facilities to make the woman's place in the home more pleasant and easier to work in. When one looks at the type of kitchen prevalent in a large number of houses one lady with one large bottom takes up all the available space and there is no room for anyone else, not even to help with the washing up. In the twenty odd years the Grants have been given, the standard in the home has improved and with the aid of grant many houses have been brought up to a higher standard, but more to the point - better houses to live in.

The appointment of a part time Warden on the Traveller's Site has made a world of difference. This is an appointment that has long been called for and the presence on the site of a man they can talk to, discuss their problems with and above all do as he says, has meant a much more happy situation. These people have always had the problem that they have never conformed to the laws of the country and a Warden who is strict but at the same time fair, is teaching them the way to live with their fellow men. The Site has been fully occupied apart from the odd one that moves off, and this is due entirely to the presence of a man of the calibre of the present Warden. Unfortunately we are having no success with the rehousing of these people, I had always hoped that they would eventually come forward and ask for the tenancy of traditional houses, but this is just not happening.

There was an increase in the number of applications for Council Houses in the district during the year and this was only to be expected as the high cost of housing in the private sector and the high mortgage rates makes it nigh impossible for the young couples to afford a house of their own.

# I M P R O V E M E N T   G R A N T S

	YEAR	TENANTED	OWNER/OCCUPIER	TOTAL
Total Dwellings Improved.	TOTAL	704	395	1099
	1973	11 (29%)	27 (71%)	38
	1972	8 (22%)	29 (78%)	37
	1971	18 (39%)	28 (61%)	46
	1970	13 (46%)	15 (54%)	28
	1969	5 (17%)	24 (83%)	29
	1968	21 (51%)	20 (49%)	41
	1967	19 (66%)	10 (34%)	29
	1966	28 (76%)	9 (24%)	37
	1965	27 (67%)	13 (33%)	40
	1964	47 (79%)	12 (21%)	59
	1963	39 (73%)	14 (27%)	53
	1962	34 (67%)	17 (33%)	51
Total Approved Expenditure	TOTAL	£587,507	£387,831	£975,338
	1973	£ 15,582 (22%)	£ 55,144 (78%)	£ 70,726
	1972	£ 11,351 (18%)	£ 51,791 (82%)	£ 63,142
	1971	£ 26,285 (39%)	£ 41,910 (61%)	£ 68,195
	1970	£ 12,435 (44%)	£ 16,116 (56%)	£ 28,551
	1969	£ 4,644 (17%)	£ 22,571 (83%)	£ 27,215
	1968	£ 12,353 (42%)	£ 17,078 (58%)	£ 29,431
	1967	£ 17,189 (68%)	£ 8,279 (32%)	£ 25,468
	1966	£ 18,849 (71%)	£ 7,680 (29%)	£ 26,529
	1965	£ 24,743 (67%)	£ 12,332 (33%)	£ 37,075
	1964	£ 35,270 (75%)	£ 11,475 (25%)	£ 46,745
	1963	£ 23,201 (64%)	£ 12,746 (36%)	£ 35,947
	1962	£ 26,464 (63%)	£ 15,345 (37%)	£ 41,809
Total Grants Paid	TOTAL	£241,821	£159,300	£401,121
	1973	£ 7,490 (25%)	£ 22,009 (75%)	£ 29,499
	1972	£ 5,514 (21%)	£ 21,114 (79%)	£ 26,628
	1971	£ 11,549 (37%)	£ 19,491 (63%)	£ 31,040
	1970	£ 6,890 (53%)	£ 6,205 (47%)	£ 13,095
	1969	£ 1,954 (18%)	£ 8,776 (82%)	£ 10,730
	1968	£ 5,645 (46%)	£ 6,604 (54%)	£ 12,249
	1967	£ 6,773 (66%)	£ 3,516 (34%)	£ 10,289
	1966	£ 8,617 (72%)	£ 3,267 (28%)	£ 11,884
	1965	£ 10,184 (68%)	£ 4,675 (32%)	£ 14,859
	1964	£ 14,373 (77%)	£ 4,204 (23%)	£ 18,577
	1963	£ 10,361 (68%)	£ 4,881 (32%)	£ 15,242
	1962	£ 11,458 (65%)	£ 5,998 (35%)	£ 17,456
Average Approved Expenditure per house	TOTAL	£ 835	£ 982	£ 887
	1973	£ 1,416	£ 2,042	£ 1,861
	1972	£ 1,419	£ 1,786	£ 1,707
	1971	£ 1,460	£ 1,497	£ 1,482
	1970	£ 956	£ 1,074	£ 1,019
	1969	£ 928	£ 940	£ 938
	1968	£ 588	£ 854	£ 718
	1967	£ 904	£ 828	£ 878
	1966	£ 673	£ 853	£ 717
	1965	£ 916	£ 948	£ 927
	1964	£ 750	£ 956	£ 792
	1963	£ 594	£ 910	£ 678
	1962	£ 778	£ 903	£ 819
Average Grant per House	TOTAL	£ 343	£ 403	£ 365
	1973	£ 681	£ 815	£ 776
	1972	£ 689	£ 728	£ 719
	1971	£ 642	£ 696	£ 674
	1970	£ 530	£ 414	£ 468
	1969	£ 390	£ 365	£ 370
	1968	£ 269	£ 330	£ 299
	1967	£ 356	£ 351	£ 354
	1966	£ 308	£ 363	£ 321
	1965	£ 377	£ 359	£ 371
	1964	£ 306	£ 350	£ 315
	1963	£ 265	£ 348	£ 287
	1962	£ 337	£ 353	£ 312



# S T A N D A R D   G R A N T S

	YEAR	TENANTED	OWNER/OCCUPIER	TOTAL
TOTAL DWELLINGS IMPROVED	1972	8	5	13
	1973	4	9	13
TOTAL APPROVED EXPENDITURE	1972	£6,196	£3,100	£ 9,296
	1973	£ 683	£4,438	£ 5,121
TOTAL GRANTS PAID	1972	£1,765	£ 939	£ 2,704
	1973	£ 666	£1,616	£ 2,282

## Conversion Grants   Approved During 1973

Londonthorpe	1
Long Bennington	2
Welby	1

Total Grants Approved - 4

## WATER SAMPLES TAKEN DURING 1973

<u>Sample No.</u>		<u>Nitrate Nitrogen</u>
5.	Caythorpe College	1.0
5.	Claypole	11.0
5.	North Witham	9.1
4.	South Witham	Not detected
1.	Stoke Rochford College	8.4
5.	Stubton	11.1
6.	Stubton	10.1

## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

1973 saw the completion of the Valley Sewage Scheme which meant that Belton, Syston, Barkston, Hougham and Marston now enjoy main sewerage and that septic tanks could be done away with, the effluent being discharged into the Grantham Borough Sewage Works at Marston which had been planned in the first instance to receive the sewage from these villages. Six more villages sewered and with a sewage works ready to receive them must be far cheaper than building new works for each village or even the building of only two works for the six villages. And of course the less the number of works means a reduction in the amount of maintenance required and this can be an expensive exercise in a Rural Area where mobile gangs have to be employed.

The schemes at Old Somerby, Boothby Pagnell and North Witham were completed during the year, the first two villages having their own disposal works, whilst North Witham is piped to the existing works at South Witham. For many years the old works, if one could call them that, had produced the most notorious samples produced in the district and if ever a scheme was needed it was the one at North Witham. Again the utilisation of existing works to treat the effluent is time and cash saving.

The design of the Cliff Sewerage Scheme was completed but unfortunately owing to financial restrictions, the re-organisation of Local Government and the formation of the new Water Authorities it did not really get off the drawing board. When completed it will mean three more villages will be sewered and that the now obsolete works at Hough on the Hill will be done away with.

The design of the Pickworth Scheme was also completed but like the Cliff Scheme it did not get off the drawing board and it will be left to the new Water Board to get both schemes off the ground. A small extension of the sewer at Denton enabled the housing complex at the Old Rectory to be connected to the sewer. Maybe not a large scheme but these small extensions do enable the owners of property to do away with septic tanks and they clear up little pockets of nuisance that exist unbeknown to most people.

39 Villages will have been sewered by the time the Council goes out of existence and this is quite a record to be proud of, but at the same time it will be interesting to see how the new authority responsible for this work compares with what has gone before.

# S E W E R A G E   A N D   S E W A G E   D I S P O S A L

## 1. PARISHES WITH MODERN SCHEMES

Allington  
Ancaster  
Barkston (part only in West Street)  
Barrowby  
Burton Coggles  
Caythorpe (Extensions and connection of Caythorpe Court completed 1971)  
Claypole  
Colsterworth  
Denton  
Foston and Westborough  
Fulbeck  
Great Gonerby  
Great Ponton  
Harlaxton  
Ingoldsby  
Lenton  
Little Ponton  
Londonthorpe (Alma Park, etc.) (Belton Lane Extension completed 1971)  
Long Bennington  
Manthorpe  
Ropsley  
Sedgebrook  
Skillington  
South Witham,  
Stoke Rochford  
Welby  
Woolsthorpe by Belvoir

## 2. SCHEMES COMPLETED IN THE YEAR

Valley Sewerage Scheme - Comprising Honington, Barkston, Belton, Syston Hougham and Marston - To be pumped to Grantham Borough Sewage Works.

Old Somerby and Boothby Pagnell.

North Witham.

Denton - Connection of Old Rectory Area.

## 3. NOTES ON OTHER PARISHES

Further Contributions towards cost of extensions to Grantham Borough Sewage Disposal Works paid during year.

Design of Cliff Sewerage Scheme completed - Comprising Normanton, Carlton Scroop, Gelston and Hough on the Hill - To be pumped to Caythorpe Sewage Disposal Works which will be extended to cater for additional flows.

Design of Pickworth Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme completed.

Design of Dry Doddington Sewerage Scheme commenced - To be pumped to Long Bennington Sewage Disposal Works which is to be extended.



FOOD AND DRUGS

The main activity in this field was at the Cold Stores at Easton and this establishment has taken up a great deal of the department's time. The flow of containers from the ports of entry for inspection at Easton has continued and the realisation that we know what we are doing has meant that the Port Health Inspectors have sent more than ever through. During the year we have had visits from Inspectors of Authorities where Cold Stores are being built and who want to know how we deal with the many problems that arise.

The list of goods inspected during the year is appended herewith:

284 $\frac{1}{2}$ tonnes	Mixed Vegetable
57 $\frac{1}{2}$ tonnes	Cut Celery
9 $\frac{3}{4}$ tonnes	T.V. Dinners
$\frac{1}{2}$ tonne	Chow Mein
60 $\frac{3}{4}$ tonnes	Canadian Cakes and Fruit Pies
6 $\frac{1}{2}$ tonnes	Asparagus
17 tonnes	Scampi
2 tonnes	Fisherman's Pie
225 tonnes	Frozen Peas
$\frac{1}{2}$ tonne	Chicken Curry
16 $\frac{3}{4}$ tonnes	Macedoine
8 tonnes	Cauliflower and Carrots
9 $\frac{1}{4}$ tonnes	Beans
6 tonnes	Gooseberries
11 tonnes	Plaice, Cod and Haddock fillets

The following was unfit:

3 $\frac{1}{2}$ tonnes	Geese
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## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

It was only this year that I realised the joy in Billy Graham's heart when he invites his audience to get up and go down to the front, and he sees them advancing on him in their hundreds. During the year a weekly plastic bag collection was started - a move I have advocated, begged and pleaded for over many years and its introduction early in the year brought me more than mild satisfaction. But human nature being what it is it was not long before the complaints came in, the most common being that not enough sacks had been left and that two people could not possibly manage with one sack for a whole week. When I was in the Quartermasters Stores during the war a soldier came in for a pair of boots and told me that he had always worn size 11, he went out wearing a pair of size 7 and said he had never had such a comfortable pair of boots in his life. The moral being that you do not know what you can do until you try and it was the same with the sacks and we stuck to our principle that only families of 5 plus could have two sacks. People who had been using 4 dustbins a fortnight found that one sack a week was enough and the men realised that every sack left this week meant another one to collect next week and did not encourage the leaving of extra sacks. When one has been in a district a long time one gets to know the people and we sat by the telephone waiting for the complainers to ring in and sure enough the old regulars told us how wrong plastic sacks were. Now the same people are telling us that they are a wonderful innovation, much cleaner than the dirty old dustbin and one wonders how they have managed without them. Unfortunately the increased cost of plastic throughout the world may make the use of these sacks prohibitive, a fact that makes me feel despondent but at the same time the position is better than in some districts where the dustbin has been superseded by a specially constructed sack holder with a hole in the bottom and which will not hold domestic refuse. The men like the sacks but we do have trouble with glass being put in sacks without being wrapped and this protruding through the sack has caused some nasty cuts on the collectors, especially on the legs.

Trouble was experienced during the year to obtain a driver with the necessary H.G.V. licence and it must be realised that the wages the Council offer for this job is way below what can be earned in the private sector. But we managed and the work was done although at times we had to bring in

a driver who had retired from the Council some years before in order to maintain the collection.

We continued to empty the litter bins on the lay-bys for the Kesteven County Council and whether it was the regularity of collection or the general public who have been converted from their wayward habits, the lay-bys have never looked cleaner than they did last year.

When I first came to this district 23 years ago, we only had a collection every 3 weeks and so poor was the response to put out the baths, tins and the old dolly tub, which was the most popular receptacle of all, that the vehicle was not fully occupied and the men went round the district looking for custom. Now a weekly collection with plastic sacks that costs much more than it did, but this is the nineteen seventies when we have come to expect better things.

# SALVAGE RETURNS

YEAR	WASTE PAPER		METAL AND RAGS		TOTAL
	Tons	£ p	Tons	£ p	£ p
1970	98.10	1141.20	22.15	796.37	1937.57
1971	77.88	937.02	20.01	637.41	1574.43
1972	64.32	758.62	14.14	460.21	1218.83
1973	78.83	1016.29	7.60	316.77	1333.06

Table of treatments carried out :

	Private Properties	Business Properties	Council Properties
Ants	2	-	6
Mice	16	-	18
Rats	150	-	85
Wasps	22	-	8

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OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAYS PREMISES ACT, 1963

TABLE A - REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises (1)	Number of premises newly registered during the year (2)	Number of registered premises at the end of year (3)	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year (4)
Offices	1	18	1
Retail Shops	-	40	-
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	-	-
Catering Establish- ments, open to the Public, Canteens	1	13	1
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	71	2

TABLE B - NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED  
PREMISES

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TABLE C - ANALYSIS OF RECORDED PARTICULARS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED  
IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of Workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices	137
Retail Shops	105
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	-
Catering Establishments open to the public	86
Canteens	-
Fuel Storage Depots	-
TOTAL	328



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The following plans were deposited for approval during the year 1972.

	New Works	Alterations
Dwellinghouses	92	200
Farm Buildings	45	2
Factories	19	5
Other Buildings	119	8
Other plans submitted, not for buildings	-	46

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### INSPECTIONS

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspection	Written Notices	Occupiers Pros'ctd
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	21	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	45	3	-	-
(3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Excluding Out-workers Premises)	-	-	-	-
	48	24	-	-

### CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects found				Cases in which Prsctns were Instituted
	Found	Remedied	Refrd to H.M.I.	Refrd to H.M.I.	
Want of Cleanliness	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation	1	1	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against the Act	-	-	-	-	-

LICENCES	PETROLEUM	CARBIDE OF CALCIUM
Number in Force	105	1
New Licences	Nil	Nil

Altogether 267,360 gallons of petrol are stored in the Rural District.





